REMARKS

Claims 1-30 remain pending in the application, with claims 1, 7, 11, 17 and 21 being the independent claims. Based on the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,782,476 (hereinafter referred to as "Ishibashi") and in view of U.S. Patent No. 7.093,295 (hereinafter referred to as "Saito"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reason.

Independent claims 1, 7, 11, 17 and 21 were previously amended to include a similar feature of: wherein the content decryption component is tamper-resistant. Support for the Amendment can be found in the specification on page 11, paragraph 0042. The Examiner added Saito to maintain the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Applicants submit that Saito does not teach or suggest this feature, as claimed. Saito discusses how digital data itself may be protected via a process that involves re-encryption and the use of a second changeable key. This is not the same as the claimed feature of a tamper-resistant content decryption component. Thus, Ishibashi and Saito, either taken alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest the claimed invention. For at least this reason, independent claims 1, 7, 11, 17 and 21 and their respective dependent claims 2-6, 8-10, 12-16, 18-20 and 22-30 are distinguishable from Ishibashi and Saito, either taken alone or in combination. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections to these claims

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under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been

properly traversed accommodated or rendered moot. Thus, Applicants believe that the

present application is in condition for allowance, and as such, Applicants respectfully request

reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and allowance of this

application.

Respectfully submitted,

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